



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE  
TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION  
OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR  
THE WILLIAM S. HART PARK ENTRANCE RENOVATION PROJECT  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$315,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation to partially fund the William S. Hart Park Renovation Entrance Project.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15302, 15303, and 15304 and Classes 2, 3, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project consists of replacement of existing structures, installation of new, smaller structures, and minor alterations to the condition of the land.
2. Allocate \$315,000 of County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department

of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$315,000, for the William S. Hart Park Renovation Project when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects, otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$315,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project.

The proposed Project is located at 24151 Newhall Avenue, Newhall. The scope of work will consist of the following: replace the existing chain link fence with a masonry and wrought iron fence along Newhall Avenue; install wrought iron entry gates, irrigation system, and landscaping at the pedestrian and vehicle access points; install lights and signage such as an electronic marquee and other related signs at the park access points; and pave and align the road at the staff entrance. The total cost of the Project is \$1,000,000 and the \$315,000 in County Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$685,000 of net County cost.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the Department, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement to follow California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on your Board's agenda, the Department is requesting that your Board authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to accept the Proposition A grant for the William S. Hart Park Entrance Renovation Project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Newhall area of the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$315,000, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement. The 1996 Proposition also requires that Excess Funds be awarded to cities in the same total amount as is awarded to the County in the same fiscal year.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department would be authorized to award a grant to the Department when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed entrance renovation project is categorically exempt from the CEQA according to Sections 15302 and 15303 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 2, 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project consists of replacement of existing structures, installation of new, smaller structures, and minor alterations to the condition of the land.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended projects will enhance safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Newhall area and benefit other County residents in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors